ex-gratia payment at the rate of Rs. 150 per month with effect from 1-1-1986 or from the date of death of the deceased employee whichever is later. Ex-gratia payment is also admissible at same rates with effect from 1-1-1986 to the widows and dependent children of the CPF beneficiaries who died while in service prior to 1-1-1986. In all these cases, dearness relief, as allowed from time to time, is added to the ex-gratia.

Memorandum by Madras Labour Union

1726. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 25th July 1991 was jointly submitted to the Prime Minister by Madras Labour Union, Madras and B&C Mills staff Union, Madras regarding the problems facing by Buckningam and Carnatic Mills and its employees;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by Government to sort out the problems and to settle he disputes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABUOR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The memorandum does not appear to have been received. A copy of the memorandum has, however, been obtained from the B&C Mills staff union, Madras and the matter is being examined.

Regularisation of casual workers of FCI Andhra Pradesh region

1727. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued orders for absorption of 123 casual workers in Food Corporation of India, Andhra Pradesh region; and

(b) if so, the details of number of such workers who would be absorbed in FCI in Andhra region, District-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Food Corporation of India has reported that their Board of Directors had approved the re-employment of 123 retrenched casual workers provided they fulfilled the prescribed requirements of the posts and further directed that the vacancies were to be filled from time to time in accordance with the accretion to the work load.

(b) The details of workers to be absorbed after their identification, in Andhra Pradesh region, district-wise are as follows:—

Name of District	No. of workers
Nalgonda	17
Nellore	30
Tedepalligudam	11

Remaining 71 workers who were retrenched from Nalgonda distt. would be absorbed in the nearby districts depending on their willingness, as the required number of vacancies are not available presently in that district.

Reinstatement of dismissed Railway employees

1728. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation consisting of representatives of All India Loco Running Staff Association and All India Railway Employees Confederation led by an hon'ble Member of Parliament met the Minister on 2nd August 1991 in his office on the question of reinstatement of dismissed railway employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the delegation was asked to meet the Minister again on the 3rd August, 1991 in Railway Board Office;

(c) whether the meeting was held on 3rd August, 1991 as desired by the Minister;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any other date for the meeting has been fixed; and

(f) if the meeting took place, the details of the discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Shri Basudeb Acharia and two other persons met the Minister of Railways on 2-8-91 in this regard.

(b) He was advised to discuss the matter further on some other date but no date was fixed.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) Not, yet, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Representation by Loco Running Staff Association

1729. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 3rd August, 1991 from All India Loco Running Staff Association, about the problems facing the Loco Running Staff on Railways.

(b) if so, the details of the problems; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to solve the problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demand relates to reinstatement of railway employees.

(c) The issue is under consideration of the Government.

PF Account Slips to contract Workers

1730. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the PF annual Account Slips have not been furnished to about 800 contract workers working in Salurry Pond of Dugda Coal Washery, Bihar since last 11 years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to furnish Provident Fund annual account slips to the said workers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAM SING GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Representation from Ex-workers in Iraq

1731. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation dated the 15th July, 1991 has been received by Government from Ex-workers of M/s Anice Construction Service Ltd Iraq;

(b) if so, what are their grievance; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to redress their grievance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAM SING GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The grievance relates to non-settlement of dues of the workers for their work in Iraq.

(c) The firm has taken the stand that since they have not received payment from Iraq they were not in a position to pay the workers. Ministry of External Affairs is intervening with the Government of Iraq as best as possible in the prevailing circumstances.

Legislation to prevent mining of stone and other minerals

1732. SHRI GAJ SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating a legislation to prevent mining